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1. THE SPEED IN OBTAINING AN IRAQI VISA IS
UNPREDICTABLE. FEW OFFICIAL AMERICANS HAVE TRAVELED
TO BAGHDAD FROM DAMASCUS, BUT THOSE WHO HAVE HAVE
EXPERIENCED RATHER LONG DELAYS IN OBTAINING VISAS.
ON THE OTHER HAND, ONE AMERICAN BUSINESSMAN RECEIVED
IRAQI VISA IN SEVERAL HOURS.

2. DUE TO RECENT SYRIAN AIR'S WITHDRAWAL OF ALL
FLIGHTS TO IRAQ, ONLY TWO FLIGHTS A WEEK NOW LEAVE
DAMASCUS FOR BAGHDAD (EGYPT AIR).

3. POST HAS NO OBJECTIONS TO RSO TAKING OVER SECURITY
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RESPONSIBILITY FOR U.S. INTEREST SECTION AND BELIEVE
RSO DAMASCUS WOULD BE ABLE TO VISIT BAGHDAD FOR
ROUTINE SECURITY COVERAGE (SURVEYS, TRAINING,
INVESTIGATION, ETC.) HOWEVER, A QUICK RESPONSE TO
AN EMERGENCY WOULD PROVE DIFFICULT, GIVEN THE
USUAL DELAYS IN VISAS AND LIMITED FLIGHTS
TO BAGHDAD.

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